

**Electronic Monitoring Subcommittee
of the
Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council**

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, January 29, 2017

1:30pm – 3:00pm

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| I. | Welcome and Opening Remarks | Judge Calvin Johnson |
| II. | Review of Proposed OPJC Policy and Procedure Manual Revisions | Judge Mark Doherty |
| III. | Discussion of Step Down Program Options | Judge Calvin Johnson |
| IV. | 4 th Quarter Performance Measures | Subcommittee Members |

Criminal Justice Council Electronic Monitoring Subcommittee Minutes

January 29, 2018

On January 29, the Electronic Monitoring (EM) Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Council convened at 1:40pm in the 8th floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. The following persons were present/absent:

Electronic Monitoring Subcommittee Members

Present

Calvin Johnson, Commissioner (Chair) – OCJC
Ariel Test for Aaron Clark-Rizzio, Executive
Director – LCCR
Susan Guidry, Councilmember – City Council
Shinar Haynes, Director of Operations – OPCD

Arrived Later

Ralph Brandt, Assistant District Attorney – DA's
Office
Jenerio Sanders, Lt. for Superintendent Michael
Harrison – NOPD

Absent

Mark Doherty, Judge – OPJC
Germaine Simon, Director – Youth Study Center
Lance Cardwell – Office of Inspector General

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff

Present:

Amanda Simpkins
Shelbi Flynn

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Commissioner Calvin Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:40pm. Welcoming everyone to the 3rd meeting of the EM Subcommittee, the Commissioner called roll and made his opening remarks.

II. Review of Proposed OPJC Policy and Procedure Manual Revisions

In Judge Doherty's absence, Commissioner Johnson moderated the discussion regarding the Policy and Procedure Manual revisions. Input from the group is needed prior to finalizing the document as an MOU. Commissioner Johnson gave members a few minutes to look over the document. The Subcommittee proceeded to review the document section by section and suggest further revisions.

The discussion focused on the extent to which the Manual can dictate which populations can be placed on EM. Ralph Brandt raised the issue of judicial discretion and the authority of an external party to dictate what a judge can and cannot do. Commissioner Johnson pointed out that while adherence is desired, there is an understanding that there may be exceptions.

Councilmember Guidry inquired if constantly overriding the RAI and recommendations would be considered problematic, making the point that the program is funded by the City. Ariel Test noted that the RAI is evidence-based and that if EM is being used for populations that fall outside the recommendations, it is important to evaluate the effectiveness of EM for those populations. If the RAI is inaccurate then that should be changed rather than encouraging continued, frequent deviation from the recommendations.

Overall, members noted that the document was disjointed and in need of reorganization. A new draft will be circulated that incorporates feedback.

III. Discussion of Step Down Program Options

The Subcommittee has previously discussed the need for an intermediary step after EM ends. After 30 days, the immediate lack of support and accountability can be detrimental.

Calvin Pep from CeaseFire spoke to the group about CeaseFire's peer support programming. The program is based on the idea that changing the way people think can help shift behaviors. The program seeks to change participant's thinking around crime and violence, providing them an opportunity to think differently and think for themselves. The peer support program has worked with both youth and adults and is willing to work with individuals on EM.

Ariel Test pointed out that it is important to consider what the individuals on EM are being asked to do and to make it clear when something is mandatory versus voluntary. Calvin Pep noted that one benefit of the program is that it comes to participants and would not involve participants traveling to court.

IV. Emergency Planning

Shinar Haynes raised the issue of how to monitor individuals on EM during Mardi Gras and the broader need for emergency planning and procedures. It was resolved that EM participants would be notified of the rules prior to Mardi Gras and informed that violations will result in a warrant.

V. 4th Quarter Performance Measures

OPDC and NOPD presented 4th quarter data and performance measures. Commissioner Johnson asked Lt. Sanders how EM impacts NOPD's work overall. Lt. Sanders responded that they are receiving many more calls than we were told to expect when this program started. The numbers have to level off or they will have a problem down the road. Amanda Simpkins noted that the increase in the number of people on EM likely influenced the increase in EM calls. Refining the population via policies and procedures will help keep numbers at a manageable level.

Commissioner Johnson reminded the group that this is a pilot program intended for a specific, narrowly sculpted population. It is important to get this to work for a narrow population if the program is to eventually be expanded.

The meeting concluded at 3:20 pm.